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1. Objected to the Abstract.
2. Rejected Claims 1-2 under Section 102(b), as anticipated by Japanese Patent App. Pub. No. 63-162168.
3. Rejected Claims 1-4 under Section 102(b), as anticipated by Kuhns, U.S. Patent No. 6,071,053.

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Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

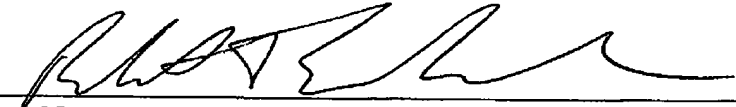
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